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AG Bruning: Lucas Peterson Sentenced for Killing Daughter

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LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that Lucas Peterson, 25, of Seward was sentenced to a maximum of 25 years in prison in relation to the death of his 11-month-old daughter Trista. In January 2011, he pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter and one count of unlawful burial of human remains in Seward County District Court.

“Mr. Peterson killed his innocent child and buried her body in a shallow grave,” said Bruning. “Behind bars is where he belongs.”

Peterson received the maximum penalties of 20 years in prison for one count of manslaughter and 20 months to five years on the charge of unlawful burial of human remains. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

Assistant Attorneys General James Smith and Stacy Foust handled the case in cooperation with Seward County Attorney Wendy Elston’s Office.